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SUBJECT: CCD: CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING TO DISCUSS SPRING
SESSION OF CCD AND DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTERN GROUP

1. SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 23, US AND USSR REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE CCD MET TO DISCUSS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING
SESSION WHICH WILL START ON JANUARY 31. SUBSEQUENTLY,
CCD WESTERN GROUP (US AND ALLIES) MET AND REACHED
AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL ASPECTS OF CCD SCHEDULE. END
SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 23, AMBASSADOR A.S. FISHER (US REP TO
CCD) AND AMBASSADOR V.I. LIKHATCHEV (USSR REP TO CCD)
MET IN THEIR CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CCD TO
DISCUSS THE 1978 SPRING SESSION, WHICH BEGINS JANUARY
31. FISHER NOTED THAT THE AGENDA OF THE CCD HAD
REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR TEN YEARS AND ASKED IF IT MIGHT
BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER BRINGING IT UP TO DATE. LIKHATCHEV
SAID THAT, WHILE HE AGREED THAT THE AGENDA WAS OUT OF
DATE IN SOME RESPECTS, IT WAS STILL ADEQUATE. FURTHER,
HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A TACTICAL MISTAKE TO OPEN
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THE CCD AGENDA FOR AMENDMENT AT THIS JUNCTURE AND
"WASTE TIME IN FRUITLESS DEBATE."

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE LENGTH OF THE SPRING SESSION,
FISHER NOTED THAT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD
RUN THROUGH APRIL 14. HE ASKED IF IT MIGHT NOT BE WISE
TO END THE SPRING SESSION AT LEAST A WEEK EARLIER SINCE

THE FIFTH PRECOM FOR THE SSOD IS SCHEDULED TO START ON APRIL 10 AND MANY CCD REPS MAY PLAN TO ATTEND. LIKHATCHEV RESPONDED THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF A NORMAL END OF THE SPRING SESSION ON APRIL 14 AND THAT THE WORK OF THE CCD SHOULD NOT BE MADE DEPENDENT ON THE SCHEDULE OF OTHER BODIES. FISHER NOTED THAT THE FINAL PREPCOM SEEMED TO BE SHAPING UP AS THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT LEADING UP TO THE SSOD AND THAT THE SSOD COULD HAVE GREAT IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE CCD. LIKHATCHEV SAID, HALF IN JEST, THAT THE US AND USSR SHOULD CONSIDER HOW TO REDUCE THE INFLUENCE THAT THE SSOD MIGHT HAVE ON OUR BILATERAL WORK.

4. FISHER SAID THAT, WHILE HE COULD AGREE THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD NOT PROPOSE ENDING THE SPRING SESSION EARLY, THE CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD NOT OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE IF IT WERE TO DEVELOP, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS NO JOINT INITIATIVE READY ON EITHER CTB OR CW AS THE END OF THE SESSION APPROACHES.

5. IN THE DISCUSSION OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FIRST TWO WEEKS (JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 10) SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR DISCUSSIONS OF THE CCD'S SCHEDULE OF WORK. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE THIRD WEEK (FEBRUARY 13-17) SHOULD BE USED FOR DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON A CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 7 SHOULD BE HELD OPEN SINCE THE "GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE MEASURES TO DETECT AND IDENTIFY SEISMIC EVENTS" (MEETING UNDER CCD AUSPICES) WILL BE HOLDING ITS FINAL SESSION. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE LAST WEEK OF THE CCD SESSION SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR PREPARATION OF AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE SSOD ON THE CCD'S PROGRESS.

6. LIKHATCHEV PROPOSED THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS ALSO BE SCHEDULED ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW), COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW), AND PERHAPS ON SEABED ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. FISHER INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER SCHEDULING INFORMAL MEETINGS ON MDW, CTB, AND CW, BUT SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE MEETINGS ON SEABED ARMS CONTROL ISSUES BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE SUMMER SESSION SINCE THERE IS NO URGENCY ATTACHED TO THIS ITEM. FISHER SAID THAT THE US DOES NOT WISH TO COMPLICATE OR PUT PRESSURE ON OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON CTB AND CW IN THE COURSE OF CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS. LIKHATCHEV OBSERVED THAT FAILING TO

INCLUDE SUCH MEETINGS IN THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE WOULD
CAUSE MORE OF A PROBLEM THAN INCLUDING THEM.

7. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD CONSULT
FURTHER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS IN HOPES OF HAVING
AN AGREED CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL TO CIRCULATE AT THE
CCD ON JANUARY 31.

8. ON JANUARY 25, THE WESTERN GROUP (US, UK, ITALY,
FRG, CANADA, JAPAN, AND THE NETHERLANDS) MET TO DISCUSS
THE PROPOSED CCD SCHEDULE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS. WHILE

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THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE APPROACH REPORTED
BY THE US, THE UK REP (TAYLOR) SUGGESTED THAT INFORMAL
MEETINGS ON MDW BE SCHEDULED IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE
SESSION IN ORDER TO PERMIT SUFFICIENT TIME FOR UK TO
SELECT EXPERT. THE US REP INDICATED THAT THE USG HAD
NOT YET MADE ANY DECISION ON EXPERT PARTICIPATION.
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